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**PARADISE MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON
FOR SENDING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY THROUGH THE MAIL**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that LEROY BARON JOHNSON, 68, of Paradise, was sentenced by United States District Judge David F. Levi to five years in prison. On February 11, 2004, the defendant pleaded guilty to shipping visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Camil A. Skipper, who prosecuted the case, JOHNSON admitted mailing a videotape on October 3, 2002, to an individual in Phoenix, Arizona. The videotape contained images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

According to the underlying complaint, JOHNSON has prior federal convictions for mailing obscene material through the mail, and for mailing and possessing child pornography. Due to his previous convictions, a sentence of at least five years was required by law.

Parole has been abolished, and JOHNSON will serve at least eighty-five percent of the sentence imposed. Following his release from prison, JOHNSON will be subject to a five-year term of supervised release.

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